

43. (NEW) A control method according to claim 30, wherein said request includes an identifier for identifying an item to be controlled of the camera.

44. (NEW) A storage medium according to claim 31, wherein said request includes an identifier for identifying an item to be controlled of the camera.

45. (NEW) A control method according to claim 33, wherein said request information includes an identifier for identifying an item to be controlled of the camera.

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46. (NEW) A control method according to claim 34 wherein said request information includes an identifier for identifying an item to be controlled of the camera.

Please AMEND claims 1, 11, 23, and 30-34 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A communication method comprising:
an address-storing step of storing a network address of an object site into a memory;
an information-storing step of storing control information for a respective image input
means of said object site in relation to said network address;
a reading step of reading an address of a designated site stored in said memory and
control information for respective image input means of the designated site; and
an access and control step of accessing said designated site by using the address read by
said reading step, wherein said control information includes an identifier for identifying an item
to be controlled by said image input means.

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11. (AMENDED) A communication apparatus comprising:

address-storing means for storing a network address of an object site;

information-storing means for storing control information for respective image input means of an object site in relation to said network address;

reading means for reading an address of a designated site stored by said address-storing means and control information, stored by said information-storing means, for respective image input means of the designated site; and

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access and control means for accessing said designated site by using the address read by said reading means and controlling said designated site using control information read by said reading means, wherein said control information includes an identifier for identifying an item to be controlled by said image input means.

23. (AMENDED) A server controlling a camera in accordance with a request from a remote client and transmitting an image obtained by the camera to the remote client based on communication rules of a general network, comprising:

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reception means for receiving the request of sensing condition of the camera from said client;

processing means for performing control processing of the camera based on the request received by said reception means; and

transfer means for transferring image information obtained by said processing means to said client,

wherein said transfer means transfers the image information with information indicative of a service allowable range of the camera.

30. (AMENDED) A control method for a server controlling a camera which performs information service in accordance with a request from a remote client and transmitting an image obtained by the camera to the remote client, based on communication rules of a general network, comprising:

a reception step of receiving the request of sensing condition of the camera from said client;

a processing step of performing control processing of the camera based on the request received at said reception step; and

a transfer step of transferring image information obtained at said processing step to said client,

wherein said transfer step includes a step of transferring the image information with information indicative of a service allowable range of the camera.

31. (AMENDED) A storage medium containing program codes to be executed so as to function as a server controlling a camera which performs information service in accordance with a request from a remote client, transmitting an image obtained by the camera to the remote client based on communication rules of a general network, comprising:

reception process procedure codes for receiving the request from said client for sensing condition of the camera;

processing process procedure codes for performing control processing of the camera based on the request received at said reception process procedure; and

transfer process procedure codes for transferring image information obtained at said processing process procedure to said client,

wherein said transfer process procedure includes process procedure codes for transferring the result of processing with information indicative of a service allowable range of the camera.

32. (AMENDED) A client which accesses a server which has a camera, controls the camera in accordance with a request received via a general network, and which has transfer means for transferring image information and information indicative of a limitation of service of the camera to a request originator, said client comprising:

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B request means for transferring request information to a server connected to said client, in accordance with rules of said general network; and

notification means for comparing the information indicative of the operable limitation of the camera transferred from said server with said request information and notifying the result of comparison.

33. (AMENDED) A control method for a client which accesses a server in accordance with a request received via a general network, and which has transfer means for transferring image information and information indicative of a limitation of service of the camera to a request originator, comprising:

a request step of transferring request information to a server connected to said client, in accordance with rules of said general network; and

a notification step of comparing the information indicative of the operable limitation of the camera transferred from said server with said request information and notifying the result of comparison.

34. (AMENDED) A storage medium containing program codes to be executed so as to function as a client which accesses a server in accordance with a request received via a general network, and which has transfer means for transferring image information and information indicative of a limitation of service of the camera to a request originator, comprising:

request process procedure codes for transferring request information to a server connected to said client, in accordance with rules of said general network; and
notification process procedure codes for comparing the information indicative of the operable limitation of the camera transferred from said server with said request information and notifying the result of comparison.

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 and 41-46 are pending in the present application. Claims 35-40 have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 42-46 have been added. In order to better define the invention, claims 1, 11, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 have been amended. In light of these amendments, and the accompanying remarks below, the Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The features surrounding the presently claimed invention are that the access and control means transmit and receive to a designated site using control information, including an